

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application and have been deemed allowable. Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

Claim rejection - 35 USC 102

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Kruidhof.

In this regard, the Applicant submits that claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice and reserve its right to file a divisional/continuation application on the subject matter cancelled herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection are earnestly solicited.

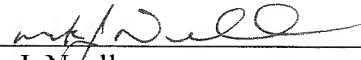
Claims 1-8 have been deemed allowable and therefore the present application should be found in condition for allowance. Such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D., Reg. No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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